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Rheumatism

His opinion on the Tilton - Beecher matter

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Dear friend May:

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Your letter was very welcome. I have apprised our friend Caroline Weston that Nell's complete set of the Liberator is at her disposal — it being a handsome purchase on her part, and, as you say, a "very substantial addition to the fund for Mrs. Nell."

I have also communicated to Mr. Phillips your wish, if he should think proper, for him to apprise the Librarian of Cornell University of his kind intentions as to a substitute for Nell's set. I presume he will do so.

I congratulate you on the enjoyable time you had at the Isles of Shoals. I take it for

granted that dear Mrs. May was with you, and had her full share of the delights of the visit. I would like to go there too, but my rheumatic trouble is getting worse and worse, - both knees being badly affected, but especially the left one, confining me quite closely to the house, except as I occasionally ride out. The pain is continual and severe. All my "infallible prescriptions" have proved worthless, and rather aggravated than helped the case. So I have decided to leave home to-morrow, and for a time to place myself under the care of my friend Dr. Joseph Dow, at Providence, R. I., in whose judgment and skill I have much confidence, and whose has had marked success in his method of treating rheumatism.

I have been hoping that the hot weather would bring me some relief, but it fails to do so. Some ten days ago, I was induced to take a Turkish bath at Dr. Dio Lewis's, and have been much the worse for it ever since. But enough of my ailments.

How bright and charming the weather has been for the past fortnight! Rain, however, is much needed, and it looks now as if it would be given to us shortly.

How sad and shocking is the Tilton-Beecher imbroglia! I place no confidence in Tilton's veracity, nor in his conjugal fidelity; and I am not yet willing to believe that Mrs. Tilton and Beecher are verily guilty of adultery. But the end is not yet. Dear wife is in feeble health. She sends her love with mine to your mother, and all your dear ones. W. L. G.

